



PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION

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John Hartline, *Chairman*

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We, the Patuxent River Commission, envision a Patuxent River ecosystem as vital and productive in 2050 as it was in the 1950s. We therefore commit to be stewards and advocates for the Patuxent River and to lead and inspire actions to protect, enhance, and restore living resources and the natural, cultural, economic, and recreational values of the Patuxent River and its watershed.

☀ Please call Daniel Rosen at MDP 410-767-4577 if you have any questions or comments.

MEETING SUMMARY

August 9, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Members: John Hartline, Chair; Chris Perry, Vice-Chair; Frank Allen, Stacy Clements, John Denniston, Luis Dieguez, Mary Dolan, Jason Dubow, Margaret Everson, Solange Filoso, Kim Finch, Bill Hubbard, Ron Marney, Erik Michelsen, Diep Nguyen van Houtte, Byron Petrauskas, Paula Proctor, Alison Santoro, Fred Tutman, Jason Van Kirk, Tiffany Wright

Staff: Jason Dubow, Debbie Herr Cornwell, Daniel Rosen, Adam Snyder

Attendees: Barbara Sollner-Webb

Announcements and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March, April, May, and June meetings were approved. Jason Dubow provided an update on the June 11 Patuxent wade-in.

2023 Annual Action Plan: Presentation and Vote

Jason Dubow presented the Annual Action Plan that had been reviewed at the May meeting but had not been adopted due to lack of a quorum. Commission members discussed the Plan, and it was noted that the Plan did not include any action items addressing trails (biking and walking). After further discussion, the Commission approved the Annual Action Plan and will amend the Short-Term Actions in January 2024. The steering committee will discuss additional long-term actions to address bicycle and pedestrian access to the watershed.

Workgroup Updates

Tourism workgroup – The tourism workgroup will promote the Patuxent River Challenge at the Laurel Farmers Market.

Protocol Workgroup - Recommendations from the May workgroup meeting were discussed.

Long-term workgroup – At the May 19 workgroup meeting, the members discussed Long-term Actions #3 – establishing wetland parks and Action #2 – Patuxent River Report Card. The group worked on determining the attributes of wetland parks. They also discussed what the report card should include and what questions should be asked.

Updated on 2023 PRC Issues of Interest

Sewer Overflow Database – John Hartline will check in with MDE at MACo summer conference.

Letter requesting meeting with Governor Moore – No update.

Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill – MDE is still reviewing public comments and developing responses.

Lothian area WWTPs – Fred Tutman said that the issue is still being worked on; the provided plans are still not sufficient to address the problem.

Patuxent Refuge Expansion Proposal – The Southern Maryland Woodlands National Refuge includes the Lower Patuxent River Watershed.

Open Floor

Nutrient Management Plans will still be provided free of charge by University of Maryland Extension.

Next meeting will be held on October 11. (The September 13 meeting was moved to October). The last meeting of the year will be held on November 8.